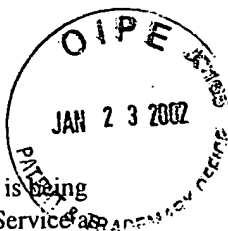


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Serial No. 09/519,330 : Examiner: M. Cole  
Filed: March 6, 2000 : Response to Paper #4  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID SCREENING OF VOLATILES

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 31, 2001, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the claims identified as Group I (e.g., claims 1-21).

However, Applicant submits that the non-elected claims defined by Group II (e.g., claims 22-36) are indeed part of the same invention defined by Group I. Applicant submits that claims 1-36 all deal with a single invention pertaining to a method for rapidly screening volatile compounds, irrespective of the compounds being screened, and as such no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner to examine all the claims within a single search effort.

Respectfully submitted,

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